

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 673 - HB 787

February 25, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to provide training in mental health crisis management to employees who directly interact with veterans. Authorizes DVS to utilize resources from veterans groups to provide training.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,700/One-Time
\$88,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to information provided by DVS, proper training to equip 105 employees with the ability to recognize signs and symptoms of mental health issues common to veterans, to manage situations in which a veteran is a danger to themselves or others, and to provide information regarding resources will require an estimated two-week hands-on course.
- The recurring expenditures for items related to training, such as certifications and handout materials, are estimated to be \$5,250.
- To properly fulfill the provisions of this legislation, DVS will require one additional position, a Mental Health Specialist.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,665 (\$1,600 computer + \$65 data line).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$83,522 (\$66,000 salary + \$17,522 benefits).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$88,772 (\$83,522 + \$5,250).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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